

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CARLOS JOSE ZAVALA VELASQUEZ,	:	
Petitioner,	:	
	:	20 Civ. 4328 (LGS)
-against-	:	15 Crim. 174-5 (LGS)
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	<u>ORDER</u>
Respondent.	:	
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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

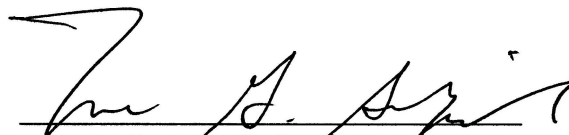
WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, Petitioner filed a *pro se* motion pursuant to Section 2255 of Title 28 of the United States Code (“Section 2255”) to vacate, set aside, or correct his conviction and sentence. On July 23, 2020, Petitioner filed an amended motion pursuant to Section 2255. On July 31, 2020, the Court granted Petitioner leave to file his amended motion and ordered the Government to respond. On October 26, 2020, the Government submitted its opposition to the Petition, and Petitioner submitted a reply to the Government’s opposition on January 26, 2021.

WHEREAS, Petitioner raised certain new arguments in his reply including non-compliance with 22 U.S.C. § 1827, violation of international treaty obligations and new instances of misconduct by Petitioner’s attorney. Courts must liberally construe pleadings and other submissions by *pro se* litigants “to raise the strongest claims [they] suggest[.]” *Hardaway v. Hartford Pub. Works Dep’t*, 879 F.3d 486, 489 (2d Cir. 2018). It is hereby

**ORDERED** that, by **August 16, 2021**, the Government shall file a surreply, not to exceed 15 pages, addressing the arguments in Petitioner’s reply. No further materials shall be filed unless requested by the Court.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to mail a copy of this Order to *pro se* Petitioner.

Dated: July 27, 2021  
New York, New York



**LORNA G. SCHOFIELD**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**